REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is being filed concurrently with Applicants' application FE 6057(US), for which a serial number has not yet been assigned.

The specification has been amended to correct obvious errors. Claims 1-15, 18-19, 21-23 and 25-27 have been amended to put them in better form. Claim 28 is new, the support of which can be found in claim 1 as originally filed. No new matter has been added by these amendments and they do not affect the scope of the claims as originally filed.

Claim 28 is directed to a "means" for practicing the process of a gas-phase catalytic polymerization of olefins and links the process claims and the apparatus claims of the present invention. Pursuant to MPEP § 809.03, the presence of a claim that is inseparable from other claims directed to distinct inventions links together the otherwise distinct inventions.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested. The Applicants invite the Examiner to direct any questions or comments to the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

It is not believed that any fee is required for entry and consideration of this Amendment; nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge U.S. PTO Deposit Account 08-2336 in the amount of any such required fee.

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